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Public Safety urges caution with fireworks

The Henry County Department of Public Safety would like to remind everyone to focus on fire safety when fireworks are involved.

Every year in the United States, we celebrate the Fourth of July with community parades, picnics, barbecues, and fireworks - the things of which happy memories are made. But sadly, Independence Day also includes tragic events resulting from fireworks use. Statistics show an estimated 30,100 fires and \$34 million in direct property losses occur each year because of fireworks.

In 2008, there were 7,000 injuries and seven fireworks-related deaths. The safest way to enjoy them is through public displays conducted by professional pyrotechnicians hired by local communities. Learning fireworks safety tips can help ensure that everyone has a happy and safe summer holiday.

PART sets another ridership record

Another month, another record-setting ridership load for the Piedmont Area Regional Transit (PART) bus system.

According to figures provided by RADAR of Roanoke, which manages the local system, ridership reached 1,175 passengers for the 30-day period which ended June 25. That number tops the 1,084 passengers for the 30-day period ending May 25.

The June ridership total included 733 riders in the City of Martinsville and 442 riders in Henry County. The most popular pickup spot in Martinsville was at the City Municipal Building with 134 riders. The most popular pickup spot in Henry County was at Wal-Mart with 131 riders.

PART is a fixed-route system that runs 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The system began operations in January 2009. It is managed by RADAR of Roanoke, a non-profit organization that has organized and maintained both public and private human service transportation for more than 30 years.

The current route schedule is posted on Henry County's website - www.henrycountyva.gov - and the City of Martinsville's website - www.martinsville-va.gov - and is available at the County Administration Building and the City Municipal Building. It's also available on RADAR's website - www.radartransit.org.

For more information, please contact Leon Towarnicki, the City of Martinsville's Director of Public Works at (276) 403-5154; Lee Clark, Henry County's Director of Planning, Zoning & Inspection at (276) 634-4620; or Leon Robertson, RADAR at (800) 964-5707 Ext. 105.

"Movie in the Park" a big hit

Henry County's first "Movie in the Park" was a big hit June 18 with over 300 people in attendance. The next movie, *The Blind Side*, is scheduled to show Friday, July 16, so be sure to mark your

calendar.

Movie in the Park is co-sponsored by Movie Town and Woodall's Music. Popcorn, candy, cookies and drinks will all be available for purchase for \$1 each. The movie will start at approximately 9:00 pm, but you can arrive early to hear some great music. If the parking lot is full at Jack Dalton, you can park in the Administration Building parking lot and walk up the steps behind the building.

Business incubator seeking new Executive Director

The West Piedmont Business Development Center is seeking a qualified professional to manage and market its regional business incubator. The position manages day-to-day operation of the incubator, including handling tenant-related activities, marketing, recruiting, and small business counseling. Undergraduate degree in business or related field and experience in grant writing, fund-raising, management, and marketing are required. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and ability to work in a collaborative effort with other organizations and governments are required.

The position offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits. The required application is available at www.martinsville-va.gov. Applicants are asked to submit the application and their resume to: Executive Search Committee, P.O. Box 747, Martinsville, VA 24114 by July 16, 2010 at 5 p.m. Resumes and applications also may be hand-delivered to the WPBDC office, 22 East Church Street, Martinsville VA, or via email to thall@co.henry.va.us.

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